

Agency Activity Inventory by Agency

Appropriation Period: 2005-07 Activity Version: Governor Gregoire's 05-07 Proposal

Agency: 117 - Washington State Gambling Comm

Gambling Licensing, Background and Financial Investigations

The Washington State Gambling Commission is statutorily charged to enforce the provisions of the Gambling Act of 1973 and all laws related to gambling. The commission carries out this responsibility through a system of regulation and enforcement consisting of several interrelated activities. The commission requires that individuals and businesses apply for and obtain a license before engaging in gambling activity. The application and approval process includes an extensive investigation of fund sources and criminal records to prevent criminal interests from gaining a foothold in Washington gambling businesses and to protect the public from being victimized through cheating or embezzlement. The licensing process is required by statute to generate the funds necessary to cover all costs of licensing and enforcement. (Gambling Revolving Account-Nonappropriated)

Statewide Result Area: Improve the safety of people and property

Category: Prevent crime

FY 2006				FY 2007			
Total	GFS	Other	FTEs	Total	GFS	Other	FTEs
\$3,344,000	\$0	\$3,344,000	38.3	\$3,150,000	\$0	\$3,150,000	37.9

Expected Results:

Output Measure: Number of individual criminal background investigations completed by the Washington State Gambling Commission.

FY02 Actual	FY03 Actual	FY04 Actual	FY05 Estimate	FY06 Proposed	FY07 Proposed
12,844	18,471	19,764	14,000	14,000	14,000

General Enforcement and Criminal Intelligence Investigation

The commission uses a combination of undercover and overt investigations to identify and seek prosecution of illegal gambling activities, cheating, theft, and racketeering. The commission also uses administrative rules and regulatory enforcement to ensure gambling is legal and honest, and protects the internal controls and records necessary to support the \$44.3 million collected by local governments annually in local taxes. (Gambling Revolving Account-Nonappropriated)

Statewide Result Area: Improve the safety of people and property

Category: Prevent crime

FY 2006				FY 2007			
Total	GFS	Other	FTEs	Total	GFS	Other	FTEs
\$7,344,000	\$0	\$7,344,000	89.2	\$8,296,000	\$0	\$8,296,000	88.9

Expected Results:

The number of compliance inspections conducted at licensed premises.

Output Measure: Number of compliance inspections conducted at licensed premises by the Washington State Gambling Commission.

FY02 Actual	FY03 Actual	FY04 Actual	FY05 Estimate	FY06 Proposed	FY07 Proposed
3,871	4,182	4,534	4,600	4,600	4,600

Agency switched from spot and operational inspections to compliance inspections in June 1997.

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Tribal-State Compact Negotiation, Regulation Program, and Investigations

Federal law requires the state to negotiate in good faith with Indian tribes to provide these sovereign nations the opportunity to engage in casino-type gambling activities that are allowed in some form in the state of Washington. The tribes are only allowed to engage in these activities through a compact with the state that is negotiated and regulated by the commission. (Gambling Revolving Account-Nonappropriated)

Statewide Result Area: Improve the safety of people and property

Category: Prevent crime

FY 2006				FY 2007			
Total	GFS	Other	FTEs	Total	GFS	Other	FTEs
\$3,636,000	\$0	\$3,636,000	39.9	\$3,537,000	\$0	\$3,537,000	39.6

Expected Results:

The number of individual criminal background investigations completed.

Output Measure: Number of compliance visits conducted at tribal casinos by the Washington State Gambling Commission.

FY02 Actual	FY03 Actual	FY04 Actual	FY05 Estimate	FY06 Proposed	FY07 Proposed
553	798	744	1,224	1,224	1,224

Change in co-regulation with tribes; results in fewer but more in depth inspections. Effective June 2002.

Middle Management Reduction

The Governor has directed that middle management be reduced by 1,000 positions by the end of the biennium. This item is this agency's share of the statewide amount. These savings will be assigned to the appropriate activities after the budget is enacted.

Statewide Result Area: Improve the ability of State Government to achieve its results efficiently and effectively

Category: Human resources support for government agencies

FY 2006				FY 2007			
Total	GFS	Other	FTEs	Total	GFS	Other	FTEs
\$(40,000)	\$0	\$(40,000)	(0.7)	\$(116,000)	\$0	\$(116,000)	(2.1)